

This structure is located on both the Martenet Map (1858) and the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas. (1877) Ruben Alexander, Jr. owned the property in 1858 while by 1877 the dwelling was in the possession of a Mrs. H. Cook. The two story two bay by one room house is very common and the similar subsequent addition is not unusual. The house is situated along the Bald-Friar Pennsylvania Road and just south of St. Patrick's Church.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

File #817

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Alexander-Cook House

AND/OR COMMON

James House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

R. D. #1

CITY, TOWN

Conowingo

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Fred and Dorothy James

Telephone #: 378-4360

STREET &amp; NUMBER

R. D. #1 Box 197

CITY, TOWN

Conowingo

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

21918

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 274

Folio #: 204

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The Alexander-Cook House c. 1850 is located on the west side of the Conowingo-Oakwood Road just south of St. Patrick's Church. The main facade faces east while the gable runs north/south.

The mid 19th century 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> story frame structure was built in two sections, Both 2 bays across by one room deep. A single story shed addition was added to the west side and a single story shed porch to the main (east) facade. The house rests on an uncoursed stone foundation and is sheathed with weatherboard siding. The roof is of medium slope and covered with tin. The eaves are extended and soffits are sloped. There is a small brick stretcher bond stove stack in the north gable end.

The east facade is a total of four bays across, assembled in two different stages. There is a drop in the roof line between sections and a narrow seam on the east wall between the second and third bay. The main door is located in the north section and the southern of the two bays. The window sash is 6/6 throughout with louvered shutters. The trim is plain on both door and window surrounds. There is a plain boxed cornice on the southern 2 bay section. The single story front porch has 19th century turned posts and cut out brackets in each corner. The half gable ends of the porch roof are decorated with a saw-tooth board decoration.

The north gable end is one room deep with two 6/6 sash on each floor. Two 4 pane attic window flank the stove stack. All but the attic windows have louvered shutters. The shed roof addition on the west end is one bay deep with a door and small window.

The single story shed roof addition extends across the west side. Similar detailing is found on this section of the house along with the south gable end. There are no attic windows however on the south end.

Although entry was not gained in this instance two separate rooms are pre presumed to be on the first floor.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE

7/11/78

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

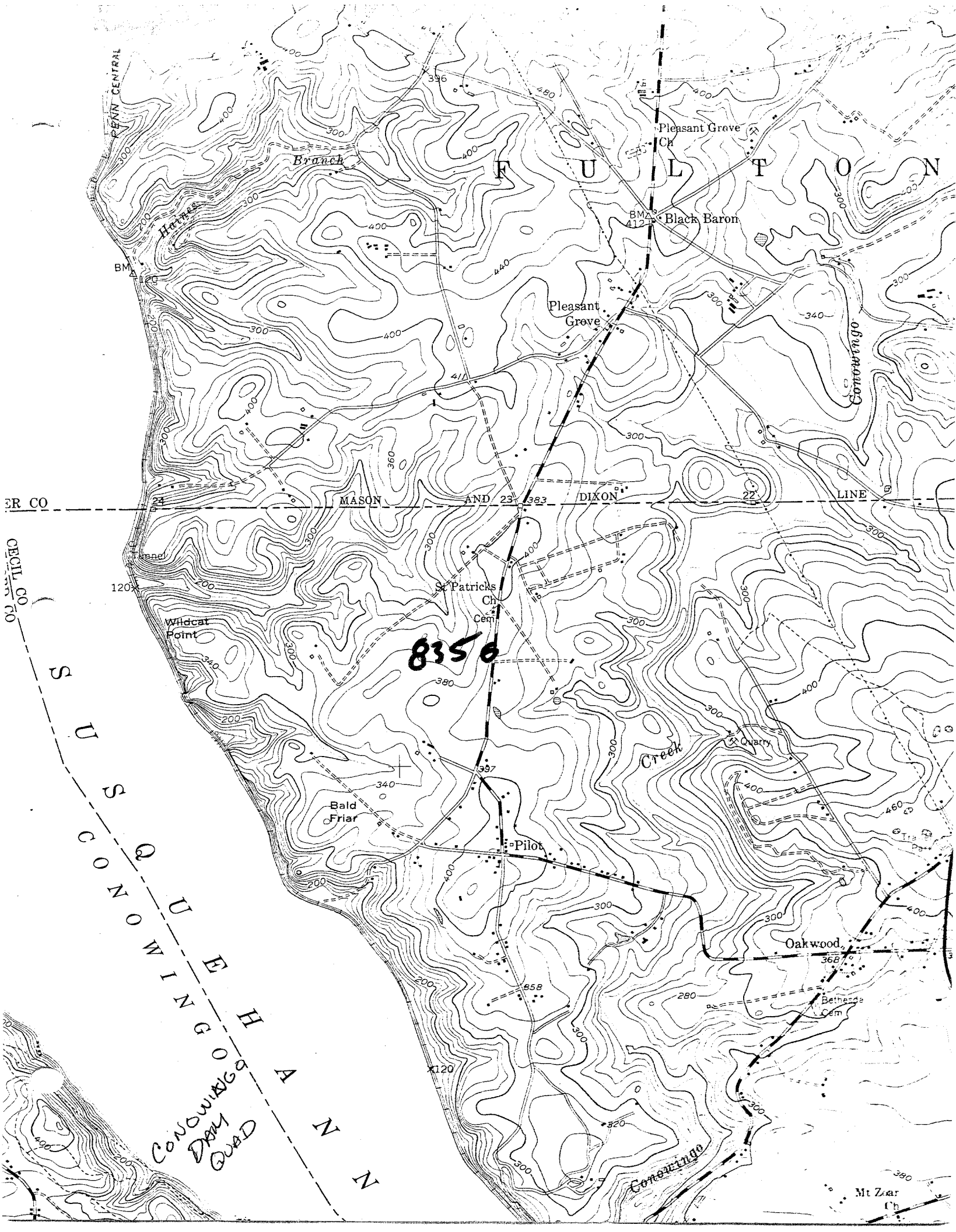
STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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ALEXANDER - COOK HOUSE

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ALEXANDER - COOK HOUSE  
NORTHEAST ELEVATION  
NE PILOT TOWN, MD.

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